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ANOTHER OF LANCASTER'S NEEDS.

A good way to reform an erring individual is to have "heart to heart" talks with him; to reason with him, and candidly tell him of his shortcomings. Point out to him wherein another and better line of conduct, if pursued, would redound to his advantage. The same plan ought to work well in the case of a community. We shall try it at all events.

Now, Lancaster is in many respects a good town—one of the best in the state. It is steadily growing from a material standpoint. Its mercantile, banking, industrial and professional interests are prospering. Its standard of citizenship is higher than it was ten or fifteen years ago. But there is one serious drawback to the town's advancement along all proper lines, and that is, a lack of unanimity—a failure to "pull all together," in matters pertaining to the public welfare.

In other words, the element of selfishness is too dominant in the average Lancastrian. It is to be seen in church matters, in public enterprises, in school affairs. It is to be seen in the present effort to enforce prohibition.

This thing of selfishness crops out in various ways. "Will this or that movement put a dollar in my pocket, or will it take a dollar out of my pocket?" is a question many a man asks himself when confronted with a proposition to lend a helping hand to some undertaking intended to promote the common good of the community. A halts, pulls back and refuses to help because B, a business or professional rival, is a leader in the movement and will likely have some praise or credit coming his way. C will let the public go to the—"demonstration bow-wows" before he will unite in anything that does not promise to put money into his own purse.

Yes, our people are rarely united because there is too much individual selfishness in our midst.

What's the remedy? Why, to speak plainly, it is to elevate the moral and religious standard of our citizenship. A high degree of moral culture broadens a man's mind; it makes him more charitable in his views; it makes

him to some extent forget self and think more of the welfare of others; it strengthens his love for his fellow man. The man of morality will ever be found on the right side. He will cheerfully make sacrifices if necessary for the public weal.

If, therefore, Lancaster would have its people united and working together as one man in everything that makes for a community's happiness and prosperity, it should strive to get rid of so much selfishness by the cultivation of higher ideals of morality.

COUNTY FAIRS.

Other counties are now taking steps to have county fairs, but no move has thus far been made in Lancaster. Lexington, Saluda, and Aiken organized a few days ago a tri-county fair association and arrangements are being made for having a fair next month. The county fair idea has also taken root, so to speak, in Greenwood. Among the premiums to be awarded is a ton of fertilizer offered by a merchant to the farmer who has the most representative exhibit of farm products. Probably it is now too late for Lancaster to undertake to have a county fair this season, but an organization should be effected at an early date with the view of having one next fall. In the meantime we purpose to keep this important subject before the people.

In a recent editorial on "Fairs as Educators" the Atlanta Constitution said:

President McKinley tersely characterized expositions as milestones in the path of progress. They mark the advance made in different lines and they perform the vastly more important office of stimulating progress itself in special lines. All this aside from the entertainment they offer the holiday-seeker.

What expositions do for the nation state fairs do for the state and county fairs for the counties. By putting a premium on thrift, brains and general excellence they foster the spread of these qualities throughout the counties in which they are held. The farmer who is slow to take hold of innovations or who farms with a smaller percentage of brains than his neighbors, sees in these county fairs ocular demonstration of the practical profit in pursuing modern methods. He learns, from failures and successes of men in his own business, points he could not glean in a hundred years without such aid.

Where he learns to look forward each year to attending fairs that comprise the best efforts in agriculture and stock raising in his own county, he receives benefits more direct and tangible in an entire year's reading. His own ambitions and energies are also given an incentive which can hardly be correctly estimated.

The amusement feature is likewise one of the primarily important factors. The man who has given the best that is in him for nine months to bring support to his family and sustenance to the state, is certainly entitled to a holiday.

—The mother of Mr. J. M. Carson, of Kershaw, died Monday at her home in York. Mr. Carson's father is now very sick.

A Laplander will sometimes travel on skates one hundred and fifty miles in a day.

The Kershaw School
Presented With Bible and Flag by the J. O. U. A. M. —Account of the Interesting Exercises.

The handsome new school at Kershaw was formally presented Thursday with a bible and the national flag by the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, a large number of Juniors of Lancaster and from other points in the county participating in the interesting exercises.

State Secretary J. S. Wilson, of Lancaster, was master of ceremonies. The exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. J. T. Dendy, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Kershaw. The bible presentation was made, on behalf of the order by the Rev. T. A. Dabney, pastor of the Second Baptist church of Lancaster. The flag was presented by Mr. George W. Jones, of the county. The bible and flag were formally received by Superintendent Brembit, of the school. Magistrate W. P. Caskey, of Lancaster, made an address on the principles of the Junior Order.

A goodly number of persons witnessed the solemn and impressive exercises.

"Experience Party."

An "Experience Party" will be held, under the auspices of the Woman's Aid Society of the First Baptist church, at the home of Mr. L. C. Payseur on Thanksgiving Day. The object is to raise money for improving the church grounds. Each person is expected to contribute not less than 25 cents, which he or she has earned for the occasion, and to relate the manner in which the money was made.

The Mutual Benevolent Association—A Division Organized in Lancaster.

A division of the Mutual Benevolent Association was organized in Lancaster Thursday by the state organizer, the Rev. T. W. Scruggs. Sheriff J. P. Hunter was made president, County Treasurer John E. Blackmon treasurer, and Mayor R. E. Wylie director.

State Organizer Scruggs will spend some time in Lancaster and in the county, working up the Lancaster division. President Whiteford S. Blakeney, of the Chesterfield National Bank, is president of the State Division, and Cashier C. P. Mangum, of the Chesterfield bank, is secretary and treasurer. The association comes to this section most highly recommended and endorsed. It already has about 25,000 members in South Carolina.

Recently a turkey and goose were matched to walk a race of 100 yards in London. There was great excitement, hundreds of people witnessing the affair. After one false start the goose got well away, leaving the turkey at the post, and, following his master in good style, won easily amid great applause. Before and after the race the goose, with a box on his back, collected money for a local hospital.

List of Unclaimed Letters.
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office for the week ending Nov. 18th:
Messrs. Clark Porter, Dawel Dewese, Ben Bracy, Rev. J. R. Beckham.
Mrs. Bettie Honeycutt.
Misses Rosie Brown (2) Alice Belt.
J. F. HUNTER, P. M.

Business Notices.

All Notices inserted under this head at the rate of ONE CENT A WORD for each insertion. No notice to be counted less than 25 words.

JUST RECEIVED—A car of fresh lime. T. H. Davis.

A BIG lot of 120 coil wire bed springs, your choice for \$1.45 each, less than actual cost, sold by others for \$2.25. The Heath Jones Co.

INVESTIGATE THIS.—The Lancaster division of the Mutual Benevolent Association was organized on Thursday, 16th inst. President, J. P. Hunter; Sec. and Treas., John E. Blackmon; city director, R. Wylie. This is a simple, cheap and safe insurance brotherhood. Each county has a separate membership and its business is managed entirely by its county officers. Every dollar your insurance costs you goes directly to your own fellow-citizen's family. No salaries, rents, licenses or taxes. Every possible cost is eliminated. Every good citizen—ladies and gentlemen—are cordially invited to join us at once. See T. W. SCRUGGS, Court House, Lancaster, S. C.

THIRD Arrival of 26 inch changeable Taffetas in all the new shades; \$1.00 quality 80 cents. Lancaster Mercantile Co.

WANTED.—200 head of geese and turkeys. Highest cash price paid. J. S. Wilson. At Southern Depot.

PLANT onion sets now. I have them. J. B. Mackorell.

PLACE your order for celery for Thanksgiving. J. B. Mackorell.

A BOX of Huyler's candy for you Thanksgiving. J. B. Mackorell.

TWO STORES, one dwelling and two rooms, in Lancaster, for rent. Apply to W. J. Cunningham.

Professional Cards

JOHN E. WELSH,
DENTIST,
Lancaster, S. C.
Office Up-stairs in Masonic Building.

DENTISTRY.
DR. R. M. GALLOWAY,
Surgeon Dentist.
Office Up-stairs in Ganson Building.

DR. R. G. ELLIOTT,
Lancaster, S. C.
Residence 'phone, No. 187. Office, Davis Building, cor. Main and Dunlap streets; 'phone No. 72.
Will practice in both town and county. All calls, day or night, will receive prompt attention.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Taxes will be due and payable without penalty from October 15 to December 31, 1905.
The tax levy for State purposes is 5½ mills, for ordinary county purposes 4½ mills, special county purposes (L. & C. R. R. bonds) 2 mills, constitutional tax for school purposes 3 mills, making a total levy of 15 mills on all taxable property of the county. In School Districts Nos. 5, 30, 32 and 46, there is a special levy of 2 mills additional for school purposes; in District No. 24, 3 mills; Districts Nos. 12, 17 and 39, 4 mills; District No. 38, 5 mills; No. 14, 6 mills, and No. 10, 7 mills. In Cane Creek Township there is a special local levy of 4½ mills for railroad purposes; Gill's Creek, 5 mills, and Pleasant Hill, 3 mills.
There is also a tax of one dollar on each male citizen between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, except ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors, or those who are so disabled that they cannot earn a support by manual labor.
J. E. BLACKMON,
Treasurer Lancaster County.

PRESIDENT PAUL MORTON
Outlining the policy of the new management of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States in an address delivered before a Convention of Equitable Agents, among other things says:

"Already there has been a saving in the administration of your Society amounting to approximately \$600,000 per annum. This equals 4 per cent. on an investment of \$15,000,000. This is the equivalent to having \$15,000,000 more 4 per cent. bonds in our vaults. There will be other economies, and I can only repeat that retrenchment and conservative management is going to be our policy. I have great ambitions for the Equitable. I want it to be not only the greatest and the best but the safest and most conservative life insurance institution in the land. I want it to be the one that the agents will like the very best to work for. I want it to be the one that bankers and people who have securities for sale can feel that they will always get a square deal from. I want it to be the one that policyholders will recommend their friends to insure in and that everybody can point to with pride. I want it to be known, not only as the strongest financially, but the strongest morally."
Moral: Insure in the Equitable Life, "Strongest in the World."

W. B. Knight,
— Special Agent, —
LANCASTER, S. C.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
County of Lancaster.
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Annie E. Wilson, in her own right and as Executrix of the will of William Knight, deceased, Plaintiff,

vs
Sarah Si tare, W. Jack Knight and others, Defendants.

BY VIRTUE of a decretal order made by his Honor O. W. Buchanan, judge presiding, dated Oct. 20th, 1905, I will sell at public auction, in front of the court house, in the town of Lancaster, in said county and State to the highest bidder, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th, next, within the legal hour of sale, the following described lands, in Cedar Creek township, county of Lancaster, in said State, formerly belonging to William Knight, deceased, and described as follows, viz:

First. Ninety-seven (97) acres, more or less, on the waters of Dry creek, bounded north by lands of Anderson Caskey, east and south by Dry creek, and west by lands of Miss McIlwain.

Second. Fifty (50) acres, more or less, known as the "Home place," bounded north by Dry creek, east by lands of Anderson Caskey, south by the Johnson lands, and west by lands of Miss McIlwain.

Third. Fifty (50) acres, more or less, known as the "Jack Knight tract," bounded north by Dry creek, east by lands of Martha J. Estridge, south by the Johnson lands, and west by lands of Anderson Caskey.

Fourth. Fifty-seven (57) acres, more or less, bounded north by Dry creek and estate lands of J. S. McCordell, deceased, east and south by lands of Mrs. A. E. Wilson and Mrs. Alice Thompson, and west by lands of Mrs. Alice Thompson.

Terms of sale CASH. Purchaser to pay for papers.

JOHN P. HUNTER,
Sheriff, L. C.

R. E. WYLIE,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the tax books of the town of Lancaster, S. C., will be open for the collection of taxes on the 1st day of November, 1905, at the office of the town Treasurer, and all taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of December, 1905, pursuant to Section 1 of the Supply Bill of 1905, will be subject to a penalty of 15 per cent for the non-payment of the same, together with cost.
R. E. WYLIE,
Mayor.